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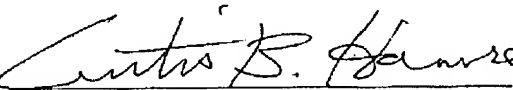
In response to the Office Communication mailed September 21, 2004, Applicants are submitting the correctly formatted Amendment and Response (which was originally filed on June 25, 2004).

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney of record, Curtis B. Hamre at (612) 336-4722.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.